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EXPORT TRADE BY COMMODITY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States exports of domestic merchandise from $2,088.1 million in July to $1,941.6 million in August,[1] a drop of about seven percent, resulted from decreases in exports of all the economic classes of commodities except manufactured foodstuffs. The August 1964 domestic merchandise export total was about three percent higher than the August 1963 total of $1,879.2 million. These figures include data on Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments.[2]

With Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments excluded, the value of August exports of domestic merchandise was $1,868.5 million, about seven percent less than the July total of $2,013.4 million but about five percent more than the August 1963 total of $1,786.7 million.

The drop in exports of finished manufactures, from $1,208.3 million in July to $1,118.2 million in August, was partly due to decreases in exports of office, accounting, and computing machines and parts, from $36.6 to $28.1 million; metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts, from $20.2 to $14.3 million; tractors, from $29.4 to $24.4 million and power generating machinery, from $27.4 to $23.0 million.

However, exports of automobile parts for assembly and replacement rose from $59.3 to $68.7 million, as did exports of aircraft, parts and accessories, from $108.4 to $114.5 million. Exports of crude materials fell from $252.9 million in July to $190.3 million in August, chiefly due to a substantial decrease in exports of unmanufactured cotton, from $91.5 to $16.6 million, which was partly offset by rises in exports of coal, from $38.6 to $49.5 million, and oilseeds, from $33.9 to $40.6 million. Exports of semimanufactures declined from $333.1 million in July to $324.6 million in August, primarily as the result of small negative changes in exports of copper semimanufactures, from $18.3 to $12.2 million; industrial chemicals, from $43.8 to $38.9 million; and wood pulp, from $18.8 to $15.8 million. Counteracting these losses, however, was an increase in exports of iron and steel plates, sheets, and strips, from $19.5 to $24.5 million. Exports of crude foodstuffs, from July to August, decreased slightly from $177.6 to $172.0 million. The more notable changes in the level of exports of individual items included in this economic class occurred in exports of wheat, which fell from $91.7 to $80.1 million, and corn, which rose from $44.0 to $56.3 million.

The advance in exports of manufactured foodstuffs from $116.3 million in July to $136.5 million in August, was attributed largely to increases in exports of wheat flour, from $6.4 to $14.5 million; refined vegetable oils, fats, and waxes, from $12.8 to $18.7 million; and canned fruits, from $3.5 to $8.5 million.

[1] See the August 1964 issue of Report No. FT 900-E for seasonally adjusted figures on total exports excluding Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments. Seasonally adjusted data are not available on a commodity basis.

[2] See asterisk (*) footnote on page 4 of the tables.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments (for which separate figures are shown in the footnotes of this report), Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. (The separate information which is available on exports under P.L. 480 and related laws may be obtained from the Economic Research Service and the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries, not entered as imports, is not included in export statistics.

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

RELIABILITY: The statistics presented in this report are based partly on sample data and therefore are subject to sampling variation that may cause them to differ somewhat from the results which would have been obtained from processing all export documents. For the figures shown in this report the sampling variability can be ignored since the probable variability due to sampling is either less than $50,000 (the largest variation from rounding of figures) or less than a trivial percentage of the individual totals shown. In addition to the effects of sampling variation, the data in this report are subject to errors from such sources as the carry-over of data from month to month, errors in reporting or processing, the estimation of shipments valued under $100 (estimated data for such shipments are included in the over-all export total and in the totals for "Finished manufactures" and "All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1" but excluded from other totals), and the omission of parcel post shipments valued under $50. Although the effect of such errors on the rounded totals in this report is probably small, the possibility of inaccuracy should be taken into account, particularly in using figures of relatively small magnitude.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, compilation procedures and precision of export data is contained in the foreword of Report No. FT 410. For complete statement, see foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES
AUGUST 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantity in units indicated; value in millions of dollars. Figures for 1964 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1963 include revisions published with the December 1963 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1964. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified)

Economic class and commodity[1]		August 1964	July 1964	August 1963	Monthly average 1963
Total	value	[2]1,941.6	[3]2,088.1	[4]1,879.2	[5]1,910.1
Crude materials	value	190.3	252.9	212.2	214.7
Hides and skins, raw, except furs	value	8.0	7.9	6.6	6.2
Animal and fish oils and greases, inedible	1,000 lb.	199,269	261,587	135,740	155,156
	value	13.7	17.8	8.8	10.0
Oilseeds	value	40.6	33.9	36.8	42.2
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb.	28,522	32,793	40,033	42,124
	value	24.1	26.1	32.3	33.6
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 bales	131	715	302	393
	value	16.6	91.5	36.7	48.9
Coal	1,000 s.tons	5,393	4,196	5,845	4,203
	value	49.5	38.6	53.0	39.5
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl.	118	90	186	141
	value	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
All other crude materials	value	37.3	36.6	37.6	34.0
Crude foodstuffs	value	172.0	177.6	158.8	189.4
Corn	1,000 bu.	41,928	32,656	26,498	36,492
	value	56.3	44.0	36.7	49.1
Wheat	1,000 bu.	44,619	52,750	47,602	53,257
	value	80.1	91.7	87.1	95.1
Other grains	value	12.9	16.9	12.9	18.7
Vegetables, fresh or dried	1,000 lb.	67,664	108,180	51,482	155,221
	value	4.3	6.9	3.4	9.0
Fruits, fresh or frozen	1,000 lb.	138,849	135,664	139,059	111,542
	value	12.2	11.2	12.4	9.9
Crude foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.7
All other crude foodstuffs	value	5.9	6.6	5.6	7.0
Manufactured foodstuffs	value	136.5	116.3	124.0	124.8
Meat and meat products	1,000 lb.	49,144	49,761	44,809	47,019
	value	12.9	13.1	12.6	13.0
Lard	1,000 lb.	46,322	45,809	64,798	44,806
	value	4.6	4.4	5.5	4.0
Dairy products	1,000 lb.	90,454	123,568	79,003	66,620
	value	14.7	17.0	13.7	10.2
Fish, canned, prepared, etc	1,000 lb.	4,523	2,801	1,590	2,873
	value	2.9	1.4	0.9	1.4
Milled rice	1,000,000 lb.	79	122	97	219
	value	5.9	8.7	6.7	14.7
Wheat flour	1,000 cwt.	3,289	1,540	1,937	2,801
	value	14.5	6.4	9.2	10.8
Vegetables, canned and prepared	value	3.8	4.0	3.8	4.3
Fruits, dried and evaporated	1,000 lb.	13,671	11,248	12,185	17,271
	value	2.7	2.3	2.4	3.5
Canned fruits	1,000 lb.	64,076	22,322	58,764	42,857
	value	8.5	3.5	7.8	5.8
Fruit juices	1,000 gal.	1,738	1,745	1,690	2,446
	value	2.9	3.1	2.6	3.4
Vegetable oils, fats and waxes, refined	1,000 lb.	158,951	115,885	100,344	71,994
	value	18.7	12.8	13.0	9.2
Sugar and related products	value	2.2	1.9	2.4	2.2
Manufactured foodstuffs exported for relief or charity by individuals and private agencies	value	12.2	9.1	17.6	16.3
All other manufactured foodstuffs	value	30.0	28.6	25.8	25.9
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value	324.6	333.1	300.2	273.6
Leather	value	2.9	2.5	4.1	3.4
Synthetic rubber	1,000 lb.	59,402	57,345	61,094	52,865
	value	13.6	14.9	15.0	13.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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AUGUST 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity[1]	August 1964	July 1964	August 1963	Monthly average 1963
Semimanufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]—Continued				
Naval Stores, gums and resins.....value..	4.5	4.0	4.1	3.8
Vegetable oils and fats, crude.....1,000 lb..	77,104	56,248	18,825	59,592
value..	7.6	5.5	1.9	6.0
Cotton semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	30,605	33,157	37,965	33,977
value..	4.1	5.0	5.3	4.8
Wool semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	9,330	9,371	17,182	12,617
value..	1.5	1.5	2.2	1.8
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile semimanufactures.....1,000 lb..	20,496	18,598	18,855	18,127
value..	17.5	15.8	12.5	13.1
Sawmill products.....1,000 bd. ft..	82,492	94,976	76,128	73,055
value..	10.4	11.7	9.4	9.0
Wood pulp.....1,000 s.tons..	122	141	130	118
value..	15.8	18.8	16.8	15.2
Fuel oil, distillate and residual.....1,000 bbl..	1,738	1,970	2,514	2,674
value..	3.8	4.7	6.8	7.7
Sulfur.....1,000 l.tons..	168	196	169	134
value..	3.5	3.8	3.3	2.8
Steel mill products, semifinished.....value..	7.8	8.8	1.2	2.4
Iron and steel bars, including bar size shapes.....1,000 lb..	41,755	37,092	16,374	19,696
value..	3.5	3.5	2.3	2.3
Iron and steel plates, sheets and strips.....1,000 lb..	242,088	172,191	129,941	124,510
value..	24.5	19.5	15.8	15.5
Tin mill products, including tin mill black plate.....1,000 lb..	76,798	75,517	84,495	68,844
value..	5.7	6.4	6.0	4.9
Other iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	25.2	26.5	22.1	16.8
Aluminum semimanufactures.....value..	14.7	11.8	13.1	11.4
Copper semimanufactures.....value..	12.2	18.3	20.9	16.6
Coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products.....value..	20.2	18.0	18.0	16.5
Plastics and resin materials.....1,000 lb..	100,875	100,261	90,776	74,100
value..	30.1	29.6	27.0	24.4
Industrial chemicals, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]...value..	38.9	43.8	40.3	32.2
Pigments.....1,000 lb..	42,578	36,389	36,744	40,894
value..	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.5
Nitrogenous chemical fertilizer materials.....1,000 lb..	126,433	77,676	119,873	109,612
value..	3.2	2.2	1.9	2.5
All other semimanufactures, excl. Special Category Type 1[6]....value..	49.5	51.9	45.9	43.5
Finished manufactures.....value..	1,118.2	1,208.3	1,084.1	1,107.6
Truck, bus, and automobile tires (casings), new.....thousands..	148	160	81	82
value..	3.3	3.3	2.4	2.5
Other rubber manufactures.....value..	9.9	9.0	9.0	9.3
Cigarettes.....millions..	1,990	2,148	2,448	1,968
value..	9.1	9.9	11.1	8.9
Other tobacco manufactures.....value..	1.5-	1.0	1.3	1.1
Cotton cloth.....value..	6.0	7.7	8.6	9.2
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	6.9	7.4	6.9	7.4
Wool manufactures.....value..	1.1	0.8	0.8	0.7
Rayon, nylon and other man-made textile manufactures.....value..	16.8	15.4	15.1	14.8
Other textile manufactures.....value..	5.8	5.6	6.2	5.9
Wood manufactures, advanced.....value..	3.5	3.0	3.0	2.6
Paper and manufactures.....value..	30.1	31.4	26.7	26.1
Motor fuel and gasoline, including jet fuels (all types).....value..	3.6	3.9	2.5	2.7
Lubricating oil.....value..	19.8	19.6	18.9	19.1
Glass and products.....value..	9.7	9.3	8.5	8.2
Steel mill manufactures.....value..	12.8	15.1	12.8	13.2
Metal manufactures, n.e.c.....value..	41.1	40.2	41.0	40.2
Electric household refrigerators and freezers.....number..	16,270	16,013	15,718	17,294
value..	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.7
Radio and television apparatus.....value..	35.7	38.7	34.1	33.4
Other electrical machinery and apparatus.....value..	71.5	75.5	75.2	77.3
Power generating machinery, n.e.c.....value..	23.0	27.4	26.9	26.1
Construction, excavating, mining, oil field, and related machinery.....value..	82.5	85.4	75.1	73.5
Machine tools (including metal-forming machine tools) and parts, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6].....value..	22.8	25.7	16.7	21.0
Metalworking machines and parts, except machine tools and parts.....value..	14.3	20.2	12.3	16.0
Textile, sewing and shoe machinery.....value..	10.5	14.1	10.9	12.6
Other industrial machinery and parts.....value..	102.3	114.2	99.9	104.3

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AUGUST 1964 AND SELECTED PERIODS--Continued

Economic class and commodity[1]		August 1964	July 1964	August 1963	Monthly average 1963
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Office, accounting, and computing machines and parts	value..	28.1	36.6	33.6	30.1
Agricultural machines, implements and parts	value..	19.1	20.8	16.6	15.2
Tractors	number..	4,625	5,015	3,221	5,895
	value..	24.4	29.4	22.0	21.6
Tractor parts and accessories	value..	16.8	18.9	14.5	13.6
Motor trucks and busses, commercial (new)	number..	10,846	10,854	9,241	10,061
	value..	24.6	24.1	21.5	22.1
Passenger cars, nonmilitary (new)	number..	13,956	9,795	2,604	12,041
	value..	16.8	12.7	5.1	22.2
Automobile parts for assembly and replacement	value..	68.7	59.3	56.0	64.0
Military automobiles, trucks, busses, trailers, parts, accessories and service equipment; commercial maintenance and repair trucks (new)	value..	4.1	8.7	24.4	11.6
Aircraft, parts and accessories	value..	114.5	108.4	101.8	103.4
Merchant ships, nonmilitary, n.e.c	number..	14	7	7	6
	value..	1.0	0.5	2.1	0.9
Railway transportation equipment	value..	5.4	8.5	10.7	12.0
Antibiotics	value..	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.7
Other medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations	value..	18.7	19.8	18.1	17.5
Soap and toilet preparations	value..	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.0
Small arms, machine guns, parts and accessories, n.e.c	value..	2.1	4.0	4.7	4.7
Ammunition, components and parts	value..	10.2	37.9	15.9	18.3
Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	24.7	21.9	30.8	33.4
All other finished manufactures, exclusive of Special Category Type 1[6]	value..	186.4	203.7	171.2	171.4

*It has been learned that incomplete transmittals of Shipper's Export Declarations from an individual Customs port have resulted in the undercounting of January-July 1964 export data by a total of approximately $55 million and calendar year 1963 data by approximately $65 million. Earlier years are affected by smaller amounts. Undercounting in the individual months ranges from $6 to $10 million for January-July 1964, and from $3 to $8 million for 1963. Corrective action has been taken to include shipments on a current basis beginning August 1964 and revisions will be made for the prior periods at a later date. Though the undercounting for individual months of 1963 and 1964 is relatively minor (less than one-half of one percent) indications are that the undercounting for all periods may be concentrated principally in the data shown in this report for "semimanufactures" with a negligible amount in "finished manufactures". Under semimanufactures, the principal individual commodities affected were coal-tar and other cyclic chemical products, and industrial chemicals excluding Special Category Type 1. (It has been verified that import documents from the same port were transmitted regularly on a current basis and no problem of undercounting in the import statistics is involved.)

[1]Based on commodity classifications in Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States. A Supplement to Report No. FT 930-E showing the Schedule B numbers included in the individual economic class and commodity totals is available on request. [2]Includes $73.1 million of Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments ($31.6 million to Western Europe). [3]Includes $74.8 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments ($20.4 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $92.5 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments ($31.9 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $76.7 million of Military Assistance Program--Grant-Aid shipments ($26.0 million to Western Europe). [6]See the January 1961 issue of Report No. FT 410 for explanation of Special Category commodities and list of commodities included.

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